GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SOUTH WEST COASTAL ZONE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala, and others have requested for a South West Coastal Zone (Peninsular Zone) with headquarters in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.Representations have been received from various VIPs for setting up a zonal office in Kerala. The proposal has been examined and not found feasible in the light of the criteria fixed for the purpose by Railway Reforms Committee and Advisors' Committee.

(c): New Zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations. The proposal to set up a south west coastal zone (Peninsular Zone) with headquarters in Kerala, when seen in the light of the above criterion, has not been found feasible.